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'New Probe' Of Kennedy Assassination

New Orleans

The Orleans parish (county) district attorney's office has started an investigation into circumstances surrounding President Kennedy's assassination, the Statesitem said yesterday in a copyrighted story.

The States-Item said the district attorney's office "is pouring out-of-the-ordinary sums of money into a probe of a possible assassination plot."

District Attorney Jim Garrison could not be reached for comment. His office issued this brief statement: "There is no basis for the story. Mr. Garrison assumes the story is based on rumor."

"The possibility of a well-organized assassination plot in which New Orleans and New Orleans residents were somehow directly involved is said to be at the center of the investigation," the States-Item added.

Lee Harvey Oswald, the man listed by the Warren Commission as the assassin, lived in New Orleans the summer before Mr. Kennedy was killed in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. While here Oswald claimed to represent the pro-Castro Fair Play for Cuba movement.

The States-Item said the district attorney's office has spent more than $8000 on unexplained travel and investigative expenses since last November 25, most of it in connection with trips to Dallas, Houston, Miami, Washington, San Francisco and Angola, the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

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